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4. [ ] LIAISON Tried to reach Paul Myer, White House Office of Congressional Relations staff, regarding the budgetary meeting on Friday, 20 February. Mr. Myer was not in and I requested that his secretary ask him to call Mr. Cary Thursday morning regarding his presentation at the budgetary meeting. I reminded his secretary that we would have a car pick Mr. Myer up and return him after lunch.

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5. [ ] LIAISON I took a call from Bill Florence, on the staff of Chairwoman Bella S. Abzug's (D., N.Y.) Subcommittee on Government Information and Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, who wanted to know the status of the response to Chairwoman Abzug's letter re classification. I told him that the response was in the final stages and, hopefully, it would be completed by the end of this week or the beginning of next.

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6. [ ] LIAISON I spoke with Denis Neill, AID, regarding S. 2662 and the various amendments thereto which affect the Agency. He really had no additional information of value and suggested that I call his assistant, Bill Espinosa, for further insight into the status of the matter. I placed a call to Espinosa but was unable to contact him.

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7. [ ] LEGISLATION John Childers, Senate Government Operations Committee staff, called to inform me that the morning mark-up session on congressional oversight had been postponed for one day.

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8. [ ] LIAISON Talked to Winslow Wheeler, in Senator Jacob Javits (R., N. Y.) office, about the Senate Select Committee formed in 1971 as a result of Senator Mike Gravel's (D., Alaska) reading of the Pentagon Papers at a meeting of the Subcommittee on Public Works, Senate Appropriations Committee. Wheeler said he thought he could find a copy of the report and I could pick it up tomorrow.

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18. [REDACTED] LIAISON In response to his call, met with John Swearinger, Subcommittee on Computer Services, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration, Chester Smith, Chief Counsel of the full Committee, and Stephen Stelzner, of the Subcommittee staff, to discuss two requests received by Chairman Howard Cannon (D., Nev.) with respect to Agency provided material now in the possession of the Committee from the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities. One is an FOIA request for the transcript of [REDACTED]. The other involves a request by Chairwoman Bella Abzug, Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, to permit a staff member of the Subcommittee to have access to all the Agency provided material in the Rules Committee's possession. With respect to the request for the [REDACTED] transcript (by [REDACTED]) there was agreement that the response should make it clear that the Freedom of Information Act does not apply to the Congress and possibly include reference to the fact that the material is classified. With respect to the request by Mrs. Abzug, I reviewed the congressional guidelines concerning access to operational data, including names of Agency employees, our previous dealings on similar matters with Mrs. Abzug's Subcommittee, and that it was our hope that the Congress would continue to abide by the need-to-know principle in the interest of protecting against the proliferation of sensitive material and that after a quarter of a century of adherence to these guidelines it would be unfortunate to see them broken before the recommendations of the Select Committees are disposed of since this is one of the central issues with which they are dealing. It was agreed that I would be back in touch on both of these matters before they finalize their position.

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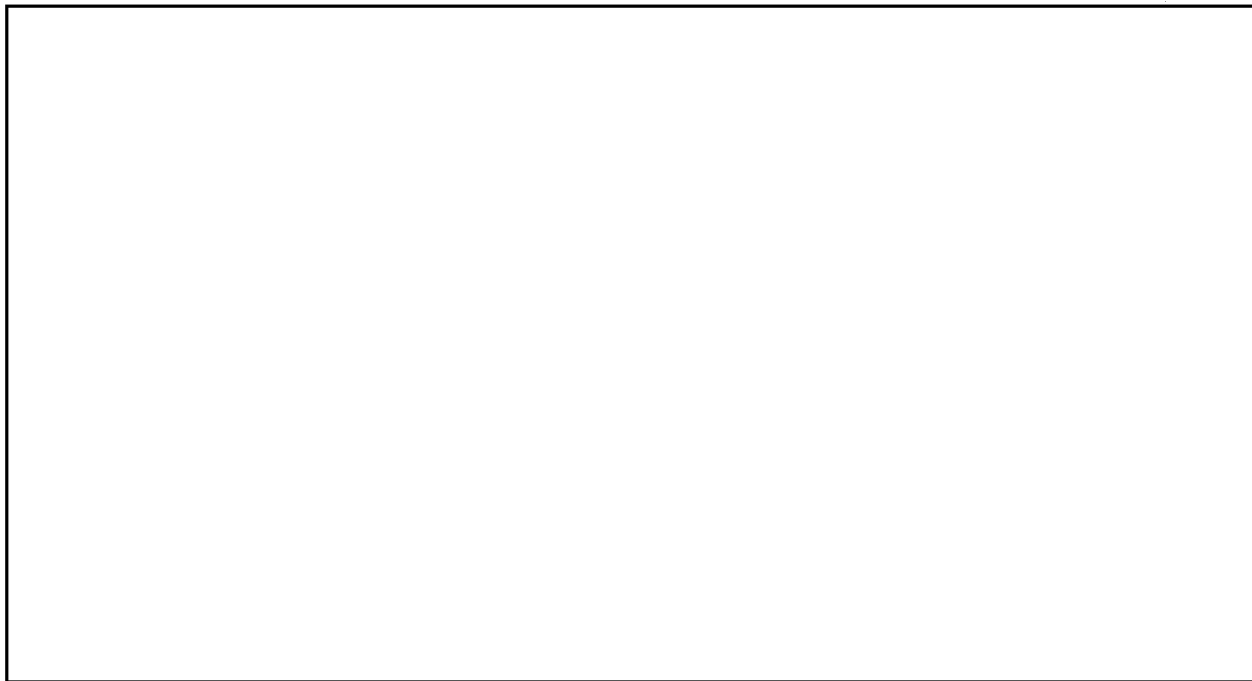
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[redacted] LIAISON Called John Swearingen, Subcommittee on Computer Services, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration staff, and suggested responses both to [redacted] and that of the Subcommittee on Government Information & Individual Rights, House Government Operations Committee, for access to sensitive classified Agency information in the possession of the Senate Rules Committee.



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